

Stewardship, United States Coast Guard; Stephen M. Lord, Director, Homeland Security, Government Accountability Office; and public witness.

### POSTAL REFORM ACT OF 2012

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2309, the “Postal Reform Act of 2012”. The Committee ordered the bill reported as amended.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a markup of H.R. 3309, the “Federal Communications Commission Process Reform Act of 2012”. The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommend with or without instructions. Finally, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period from March 29, 2012, through April 16, 2012, as though under clause 8(a) of rule I. Testimony was heard from Representatives Walden (OR); Eshoo; Diaz-Balart; and Waters.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee, resolution expressing the gratitude of the Committee on Rules to the Honorable John V. Sullivan, the fourth parliamentarian of the House of Representatives, on the occasion of his retirement for his service to the Committee, the House and the Nation. The Committee agreed to the resolution.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-124.

*Committee on Armed Services:* To hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense's role in implementation of the National Strategy for Counterterrorism and the National Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Subcommittee on Airland, to hold a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development, to hold hearings to examine the choice neighborhoods initiative, focusing on a new community development model, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy, with the Subcommittee on Oversight, to hold a joint oversight hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) work with other Federal entities to reduce pollution and improve environmental performance, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine renewable energy tax incentives, focusing on how have the recent and pending expirations of key incentives affected the renewable energy industry in the United States, 2:45 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Business meeting to consider S. Res. 356, expressing support for the people of Tibet, S. Res. 395, expressing the sense of the Senate in support of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the NATO summit to be held in Chicago, Illinois from May 20 through 21, 2012, S. Res. 397, promoting peace and stability in Sudan, S. Res. 80, condemning the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, S. Res. 391, condemning violence by the Government of Syria against journalists, and expressing the sense of the Senate on freedom of the press in Syria, S. Res. 344, supporting the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people and calling attention to the deterioration of constitutional order in Nicaragua, the nominations of Julissa Reynoso, of New

York, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Gina K. Abercrombie-Winstanley, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Malta, Frederick D. Barton, of Maine, to be Assistant Secretary for Conflict and Stabilization Operations, and to be Coordinator for Reconstruction and Stabilization, William E. Todd, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Pamela A. White, of Maine, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, Linda Thomas-Greenfield, of Louisiana, to be Director General of the Foreign Service, Carlos Pascual, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Energy Resources, John Christopher Stevens, of California, to be Ambassador to Libya, Jacob Walles, of Delaware, to be Ambassador to the Tunisian Republic, Tracey Ann Jacobson, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kosovo, Mark A. Pekala, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia, Richard B. Norland, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to Georgia, Kenneth Merten, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Croatia, and Jeffrey D. Levine, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and Sara Margalit Aviel, of California, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and lists in the Foreign Service, 2:15 p.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine the economic imperative for promoting international travel to the United States, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* To hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

### Joint Meetings

*Joint Economic Committee:* to hold hearings to examine monetary policy going forward, focusing on why a sound dollar boosts growth and employment, 2 p.m., SH-216.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 27 through March 30, 2012

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 11 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2204, Oil Tax Subsidies.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 27, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense health programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 28, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., SD-124.

March 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

March 28, Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine enhancing economic growth, focusing on the Department of the Treasury's responses to the foreclosure crisis and mounting student loan debt, 2:30 p.m., SD-138.

March 29, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Agriculture, 2 p.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 27, to hold hearings to examine U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Cyber Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

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March 27, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 3:30 p.m., SR-222.

March 28, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to receive a closed briefing on the Ohio-class Replacement Program in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SVC-217.

March 28, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense nuclear forces and policies in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2013 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-222.